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BELL ATLANTIC CORP.	)
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#### I. QUALIFICATIONS AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

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- 2. Over the past fourteen years, I have focused much of my research on public policy issues surrounding the telecommunications industry, particularly those issues created by the emergence of competition in the long distance market and the efforts to inject competition in other, currently closed markets. That research has resulted in the publication of more than a dozen papers on this subject, with several more papers currently in progress. I have also published a textbook, coauthored with Professor John W. Mayo at Georgetown University, dealing with the economics of antitrust and regulation. In addition, over this same period, I have testified on telecommunications policy issues on numerous occasions in more than fifteen states and before the Federal Communications Commission (Commission). A copy of my most recent vita is attached as Exhibit 1
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I have authored numerous articles and research monographs, including the aforementioned textbook that I co-authored with Professor Kaserman on the economics and law of antitrust and regulation. I have also written a number of specialized articles on economic issues in the telecommunications industry. These articles include discussions of competition and pricing in the telecommunications industry and have appeared in academic journals such as the RAND Journal of Economics, the Journal of Law and Economics, the Journal of Regulatory Economics, and the Yale Journal on Regulation. I have also previously provided testimony before Congress, the Commission and numerous state public utility commissions on matters involving telecommunications policy. A more detailed accounting of my education, publications and employment history is contained in Exhibit 2.

- We have been asked by AT&T to evaluate the merits of the proposed merger 5. between Bell Atlantic Corporation (Bell Atlantic) and GTE Corporation (GTE). For a variety of reasons described below, we find that this merger raises significant competitive concerns. Principal among these are, first, that the merger is likely to increase the extant monopoly power enjoyed by Bell Atlantic and GTE and the incentives for both companies to engage in actions to delay the emergence of effective competition in the provision of local exchange services. Second, the merger eliminates a significant potential entrant into both BA and GTE territories (as well as the territories of other incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs)). The demise of this prospective source of competition is especially critical given the highly concentrated nature of local exchange telephony and the critical importance of competition for the future performance of the telecommunications industry. Third, the merger is distinctly counter to the pro-competitive, deregulatory goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act or 1996 Act). The merger both heightens the need for additional regulatory oversight and simultaneously erodes the effectiveness of such regulation. The consequences of this merger, then, will be less competition and more (but less effective) regulation.
- 6. Anticompetitive consequences of this merger do not rest solely (or even primarily) upon the theory of potential competition. Bell Atlantic and GTE argue

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is not to say that the theory is irrelevant to this case. Indeed, the relevance of these ILECs' standing as potential competitors for each others' customers is discussed below in Section IV.

that this merger does not raise competitive concerns because there is a "developing national market" for a "bundled product" offering and that the combined company will be only one of several firms competing in this market. This argument, however, fails to recognize that the pace at which competition grows in this emerging market is critically dependent upon the behavior of the ILECs in providing essential inputs to new entrants on non-discriminatory terms (including both price and quality). Importantly, that behavior is affected adversely by combinations, such as this one, that enhance the incentive and ability of these firms to adopt exclusionary practices that inhibit entry. Thus, the speculative market conditions that these companies use to justify the merger are themselves made less likely to materialize if this acquisition is consummated.

Thus, the primary harm inflicted upon competition (and, therefore consumers) by the proposed union of Bell Atlantic and GTE is not just the loss of the most likely and significant potential entrant. Rather, the merger also raises the barriers to entry into both companies' local exchange markets by increasing the incentive and ability to engage in exclusionary conduct through sabotage of competition-enabling activities required of ILECs under the 1996 Act. Thus, this merger displays serious anticompetitive consequences that are not dependent upon the theory of potential competition. That theory merely serves to exacerbate the other, more direct, anticompetitive effects that, on their own, should serve to condemn the proposed merger.

#### II. THE MERGER APPLICATION IN PERSPECTIVE

- 8. To evaluate the competitive impact of the proposed merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE, it is important to understand both the lineage and current status of industry structure in the provision of telephony in the United States. After a period of open rivalry in the first part of the twentieth century, telephone service in the United States evolved into one of monopoly supply. While affording stability and continuity, monopoly supply with pervasive regulation exacted a heavy toll on consumer welfare. It is widely conceded that, by denying entry and the proliferation of multiple carriers for individual customers, public policy inadvertently caused a number of maladies including retarded rates of innovation, reduced allocative efficiencies, suppressed consumer choice and widespread cross-subsidization.
- 9. Beginning with MCI's entry into the long distance marketplace, various cracks began to develop in the monopoly provision of telephony. The divestiture of the Bell System and the establishment of a number of pro-competitive regulatory policies (such as equal access presubscription) opened the long distance (interLATA) market to effective competition and resulted in a host of consumer benefits. The long distance industry, once characterized by a single dominant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For discussions of the early period of rivalry in telecommunications and the competitive problems that ensued, see David Weiman and Richard Levin, "Preying for Monopoly: The Case of Southern Bell, 1894-1912," <u>Journal of Political Economy</u>, Vol. 102, February 1994, pp. 103-126; David Gabel, "Competition in a Network Industry: The Telephone Industry, 1894-1910," <u>Journal of Economic History</u>, Vol. 54, September 1994, pp.543-572.

provider of high-priced telephone services, has evolved dramatically over the past fourteen years and is now subject to effective competition.<sup>3</sup>

allocator of telephony resources received a major boost with the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This Act contains a number of specific procompetitive features and requirements designed to introduce competition into all aspects of telephone service, including, most notably, local exchange service. For example, Section 253 calls for the removal of barriers to entry and Section 257 requires that as a matter of national policy, the Commission "seek to promote the policies and purposes of this Act favoring . . . vigorous competition." Other sections of the Act require ILECs to unbundle their network elements and make these available to new entrants on nondiscriminatory terms. The purpose of these requirements is to relieve these new entrants of the overwhelmingly daunting task of replicating entire local exchange networks to be able to provide local exchange telephone services and, thereby, accelerate the pace at which competition develops.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>See, e.g.</u>, David L. Kaserman and John W. Mayo "Competition and Asymmetric Regulation in Long-Distance Telecommunications: An Assessment of the Evidence," <u>CommLaw Conspectus</u>, Vol. 4, Winter 1996, pp. 1-26.

11. As a consequence of the Act, it is clear that policymakers are charged with the task of affirmatively promoting competition in the provision of local exchange telephone service. As noted by the Commission:

The Telecommunications Act makes it clear that the public interest requires that the public interest standard embody a policy structure designed to promote both competition and deregulation. Indeed, the Act is quite explicit in its statement that the aims of the Act include the establishment of a "pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to . . open [] all telecommunications markets to competition."

Importantly, this standard requires that, in order to approve this merger, the Commission must find that it affirmatively enhances competition.<sup>5</sup>

12. Thus, while traditional regulatory policy has been centered around the notion of protection from monopoly, the new regulatory paradigm must be centered around the concept of promotion of competition. That is, traditional regulatory policy has acted to protect incumbent utilities from competition and, in turn, protect consumers from the resulting monopoly provider. Under this new regulatory paradigm, however, the policy goal is substantially redirected to one of enabling competition. Enabling competition, in turn, involves the dual tasks of: (1) promoting competition wherever possible; and, (2) protecting the competitive process as it emerges in markets that have historically been

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Memorandum Opinion and Order, <u>In the Application of NYNEX Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of NYNEX and its Subsidiaries</u>, Adopted August 14, 1997, ¶ 31 ("<u>BA-NYNEX Merger Order</u>").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>Id.</u> ¶ 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> We note with full concurrence the standard caveat that policymakers should not seek to promote competition by protecting competitors.

characterized by monopoly supply. In short, the 1996 Act seeks to fully enable the competitive provision of all telecommunications services.

- 13. In the almost three years of post-Act implementation efforts, a number of procompetitive policy measures designed to open and accelerate the onset of competition have been pursued. Nonetheless, it is generally conceded at this point that local exchange markets are proving considerably more difficult to open than many observers had anticipated. The result is that nearly three full years after the passage of the 1996 Act, nearly all local access lines in the United States remain under the direct control of incumbent local exchange carriers. Moreover, as noted by the Commission, a number of significant barriers to entry into the local exchange market remain firmly in place. Finally, and of particular importance to the proposed merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE, the entry process has been further deterred by the entrenched and potentially growing incentive and ability of ILECs to engage in strategic measures designed to foreclose the entry of new competitors.
- 14. Against this backdrop of a public policy thrust designed to enable competition, a merger between two of the largest monopoly providers of telecommunications services in the United States is inherently suspect. This suspicion is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> This high level of concentration is consistent with the data provided by Bell Atlantic and GTE in their Application. Public Interest Statement at 29-30. Viewed conservatively, these data show that Bell Atlantic controls 96 and 98 percent of switched access lines in Pennsylvania and Virginia respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> BA-NYNEX Merger Order ¶ 61.

accentuated by what many consider to be the failure to this point to see the widespread emergence of competition in the provision of local exchange services in the United States. Is the proposed merger likely to accelerate or frustrate the onset of local exchange telephone competition? It is to that question that we now turn.

#### III. THE MERGER PARTICIPANTS AND MARKET ENVIRONMENT

- 15. Bell Atlantic is an exceptionally large provider of telephony with roughly forty million domestic access lines.<sup>9</sup> Bell Atlantic is positioned with control over what the company itself refers to as "the most valuable assets in the communications industry: high-quality 'first-mile' connections to customers." Bell Atlantic provides local exchange services, local exchange access services, intraLATA long distance services and wireless telephony services.
- 16. GTE is "one of the world's largest telecommunications companies" that controls over 27 million access lines. 11 GTE provides local exchange, local exchange access, long distance (both intra and interLATA) and wireless communications. GTE has established a strategy to "create a national presence" and "compete in key national markets." 12 Moreover, prior to its proposed merger with Bell

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Bell Atlantic 1997 Annual Report, p. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> <u>ld.</u>, p. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> GTE 1997 Annual Report, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> <u>Id.</u>, p. 2.

Atlantic, the company launched "a competitive local-exchange carrier that will market the full spectrum of GTE services in key markets, without regard to franchise boundaries." <sup>13</sup>

- 17. The vast majority of services provided by Bell Atlantic and GTE exhibit monopoly or near monopoly conditions. While the intent of the Telecommunications Act was to alter this situation, the task is far more complicated than simply declaring that competitive rather than monopoly supply is desired. A particularly daunting aspect of introducing competition into local exchange markets is that, for the foreseeable future, new firms will be dependent upon the cooperation of the ILECs to provide access to their essential network facilities so that the new firms can provide retail-level service. This dependency together with virtual monopoly supply of local exchange access creates myriad opportunities for ILECs to engage in actions designed to exclude efficient entry and delay the growth of competition in the provision of local exchange services.
- 18. Specifically, local exchange companies have monopoly control over the essential facilities necessary to provide local telephone services. In this situation, a pure unregulated provider could raise prices of these monopoly elements to extract monopoly profits. The fact that regulation serves to limit the ILECs' monopoly rent taking by limiting prices, however, also inadvertently

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> <u>ld.</u>

provides the incentive for these companies to pursue those rents in related markets such as the long distance market. Moreover, regardless of regulation, ILECs also have the incentive to defend their extant monopoly power by a variety of exclusionary practices, including but not limited to vertical price squeezes, bundling or tying, price discrimination, and, nonprice (quality) discrimination.

#### IV. COMPETITIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROPOSED MERGER

- 19. Economic analyses of proposed mergers for antitrust purposes typically follow a fairly standard (and, we believe, generally sound) approach. Under this approach, post-merger industry concentration, the magnitude of the change in concentration brought about by the proposed merger, barriers to entry, and other relevant factors are all weighed within a consistent and analytically valid framework. That basic framework is reflected in the most recent <u>DOJ/FTC</u>
  Horizontal Merger Guidelines. In addition, the <u>Department of Justice 1984</u>
  Vertical Merger Guidelines provides additional factors relevant to an analysis of horizontal effects that may emanate from non-horizontal mergers. Our analysis of the likely economic consequences of the proposed Bell Atlantic/GTE merger follows, in large measure, these prior merger policy statements.
- 20. <u>Market Definition</u>. As these Guidelines explain, the first step in any merger analysis must involve market definition. Specifically, the relevant market or

markets likely to be affected by the proposed acquisition must be delineated across both the product and geographic dimensions.<sup>14</sup> The purpose here is to identify the relevant products and geographic areas within which the two firms either currently compete or, absent the merger, are likely soon to begin competing.

21. With regard to the proposed Bell Atlantic/GTE merger, it is relatively straightforward to specify several product markets within which the two firms can (and, to a limited extent, already do) compete. Specifically, local exchange services, local exchange access, and long distance services (including both intraLATA toll and interLATA offerings) represent currently identifiable relevant product markets. Additionally, it is widely believed that a distinct demand is likely to emerge in the near future for a bundled service offering that includes both local exchange and long distance services. (In fact, Bell Atlantic and GTE argue that the emergence of the bundled services product market is one of the reasons that they need to merge). Therefore, these four service offerings -- local exchange services, local exchange access, long distance, and bundled services -- constitute the relevant product markets for purposes of this evaluation.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> For a discussion of market definition, see David L. Kaserman and John W. Mayo, <u>Government and Business: The Economics of Antitrust and Regulation</u>, The Dryden Press, Fort Worth, Texas, 1995, pp. 111-116.

The Commission has recognized that bundled services are emerging as a relevant product market. See, e.g., BA-NYNEX Merger Order ¶ 52. Moreover, while our analysis focuses on voice telecommunications services, we recognize that Internet backbone services have been separately identified by the Commission. See Memorandum Opinion and Order, Application of WorldCom, Inc. and MCI Communications Corp. to Transfer Control of MCI Communications Corp. to WorldCom, Inc.,

Next, with regard to the geographic dimension of the market, the market definition 22. must account for the rather unique feature of telecommunications demand. More precisely, that demand tends to point toward a host of point-to-point markets for telecommunications services. Each household may be seen to have a demand for point-to-point calling that is, from a demand-side perspective, not substitutable for calling between any other two points. Thus, a call from Bethesda, Maryland to Baltimore. Maryland is not substitutable for a call from Bethesda to Columbia. Maryland. Traditionally, however, the households within a local exchange company's service territory face a common set of telecommunications services and providers. In this case, as the Commission has noted, it is possible to identify a somewhat more aggregate-level geographic market to encompass the area within which households face similar choices. 16 Under this criterion. two relevant geographic markets may be identified which correspond to the two ILECs' franchised territories. Given this relatively narrow market definition, then, the merging firms generally may be viewed as operating in separate geographic markets. Consequently, under this view, the merger is not a direct horizontal acquisition. But, as explained below, the merger nonetheless has a significant competitive impact through channels other than industry concentration.<sup>17</sup>

Adopted Sept. 19, 1998, ¶ 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> <u>Id.</u> ¶ 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Of course, adjacent ILECs may have already entered one another's territories in which case they would be actual competitors. In fact, we understand that there has been such actual competition in Virginia by Bell Atlantic and GTE. In assessing the competitive impact of the merger using the more narrow geographic market definition, we conservatively assume that no such entry has occurred and that Bell Atlantic and GTE are not actual competitors. Relaxation of this assumption would only strengthen our conclusion that the merger would retard competition.

- 23. Despite the fact that the Commission has used this analysis in the other ILEC mergers it has considered, Bell Atlantic and GTE maintain that there is a "developing national market" for telecommunications services. Public Interest Statement at 9-15 (emphasis added). But even assuming arguendo that this is true, it would mean that Bell Atlantic and GTE are actual competitors and the merger has a direct horizontal impact on industry concentration. For purposes of analysis, then, we analyze the competitive consequences of the proposed merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE under both of these alternative geographic market definitions.
- 24. The Impact of the Proposed Merger on Monopoly Power, Exclusionary Conduct, and Barriers to Entry. Regardless of which geographic market is selected, the proposed merger raises a number of troubling concerns regarding the development of competition in local exchange and local exchange access markets. Specifically, if consummated, the merger will enhance the combined firm's control over price (monopoly power) and increase both the ability and incentives for the combined company to engage in exclusionary conduct designed to undermine the emergence of competition in the very markets where it is most needed. Additionally, the merger would detract from the growth in competition that would otherwise occur by elimination of an important potential competitor for Bell Atlantic and GTE customers. Finally, under the mandate of the 1996 Act to create a "de-regulatory national policy framework," the merger

regulatory oversight, and (2) reduce the ability of regulators to identify, monitor and enforce competitive behavior. We now turn to a more detailed discussion of these concerns.

- 25. One of the most vexing aspects of introducing competition into local exchange telephony in the United States stems from the ILECs' control of essential local facilities. This control, together with ILECs' vertical integration into other telecommunications services that are, or could be, provided by competitors create incentives for the ILECs to use this control to exclude rivals. This exclusion may be accomplished by engaging in price-based exclusionary tactics (e.g., vertical price squeezes) or non-price strategies such as denying, delaying, or degrading access to its network. Unfortunately, the proposed merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE will exacerbate both the incentives and ability to carry out such exclusionary practices.
- 26. For example, consider the fact that competitors of ILECs that purchase local exchange access are typically made to pay access charges that are well in excess of the incremental cost of providing that service. Assuming Bell Atlantic were permitted to enter the long distance market before its access charges were

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> For a discussion of the incentive for firms with the market characteristics presently enjoyed by the ILECs to engage in actions designed to sabotage entry, see T. Randolf Beard, David L. Kaserman and John W. Mayo "Regulation, Vertical Integration and Sabotage," working paper, September 1998.

reduced to cost, a call placed between a Bell Atlantic exchange and a GTE exchange via an interexchange carrier (IXC) would result in originating access charges (in excess of the incremental cost of providing this access) paid to Bell Atlantic and terminating access charges (also in excess of costs) paid to GTE. Suppose for illustration purposes that the incremental cost of either originating or terminating access is \$.01 per minute while the price of originating access is \$.03 and the price of terminating access is \$.02 per minute.

27. For a call carried by the IXC, the "cost" it faces, \$.05 per minute, includes the price charged for originating access (\$.03) and terminating access (\$.02). Consider the same call carried (pre-merger) by Bell Atlantic. Bell Atlantic avoids the originating access charge and instead incurs an incremental cost of \$.01. If Bell Atlantic carries the call to a customer presently residing in GTE's service territory, however, then Bell Atlantic must (again, pre-merger) pay the same terminating access charges as would be the case if an IXC were the carrier. Thus, pre-merger, Bell Atlantic can be seen to enjoy a "cost" advantage of \$.02 [\$.03 - \$.01] relative to its IXC rivals. This "cost" advantage is, of course, purely a function of the inflated access charges imposed for providing local exchange access. Nonetheless, it provides Bell Atlantic with control over the price (monopoly power) charged for retail-level calls. Specifically, absent regulatory

intervention into retail markets, it permits Bell Atlantic to raise prices above cost while still displacing sales by a potentially more efficient rival.<sup>19</sup>

- 28. Following the merger, Bell Atlantic's ownership of GTE's local exchange access facilities increases this control over price. That is, by controlling both the originating and the terminating ends of the call, Bell Atlantic will incur only the incremental cost of originating and terminating calls between these formerly independent customer groups -- \$.02 per minute. In contrast, an IXC providing the same call will face charges of \$.05 (\$.03 for originating access and \$.02 for terminating access). Thus, the control over retail-level pricing enjoyed by the post-merger Bell Atlantic will have grown from \$.02 (the pre-merger advantage enjoyed by Bell Atlantic) to \$.03 (the post-merger advantage enjoyed by Bell Atlantic). The consequence of the merger, then, is seen to include an increase in the degree of pricing control (monopoly power) enjoyed by Bell Atlantic.
- 29. Yet another problem created by the merger springs directly from the monopoly control by Bell Atlantic and GTE of access lines. In a typical competitive market, the entry process is readily seen to reduce the ability of incumbent firms to control price. In the instant situation, however, the merger of Bell Atlantic and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> While it has been suggested that imputation of the supra-competitive access charges into the ILEC's retail prices will "solve" this problem, this solution suffers from a number of problems. For example, imputation methods, which are highly contentious, must be developed, implemented and enforced. Despite earnest efforts to make such imputation standards binding, Bell Atlantic has been able to successfully evade previous attempts to impose just such a regulatory "fix" to this problem. <u>E.g.</u>, Order No. 71668, Maryland Public Service Commission, Dec. 28, 1994. More generally, the imposition of such regulatory band-aides is distinctly counter to the pro-deregulatory goals of the Act.

GTE will act to dampen the otherwise salubrious effects of the market entry process. Specifically, the merger will insulate the combined companies' control over price, which, but for the merger would be eroded (perhaps substantially) by any observed entry of facilities-based competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs).

30. Consider, for example, the access charge pattern described earlier: \$.01 being the incremental cost of either originating or terminating access, \$.03 being the price of originating access, and \$.02 being the price of terminating access. Recall that, in this situation, Bell Atlantic enjoys a \$.02 "cost" differential relative to IXCs on calls originating in Bell Atlantic's territory and terminating in GTE's service territory. In the absence of the proposed merger, if an IXC were to enter the Bell Atlantic territory and provide local exchange access services on a sufficient scale and with the same efficiency as Bell Atlantic (\$.01), then Bell Atlantic's control over price (its advantage due to excessive pricing on originating access) erodes. That is, entry will have the effect of eliminating the "cost" differential and therefore Bell Atlantic's' monopoly power in the provision of retail services that depend on local exchange access services. If, however, the proposed merger is consummated, then for calls placed between the Bell Atlantic and GTE territories, Bell Atlantic-GTE will still continue to enjoy a "cost" advantage relative to its IXC rivals, because it can now impose terminating access charges on IXCs that it does not, itself face. The point is that, absent the

merger, entry would erode the monopoly power enjoyed by Bell Atlantic; but, if the merger is consummated, then this same entry will be less effective in reducing Bell Atlantic's control over price.

- 31. Finally, and perhaps most fundamentally for present purposes, the merger would enhance incentives for the combined firm to engage in non-price exclusionary conduct in order to protect its local monopoly from competition. To see this, note that the success of widespread entry is critically dependent upon the quality with which these new entrants are able to provide local exchange services in competition with ILECs. Because access to incumbent local exchange facilities will remain a critical input that CLECs need to purchase from ILECs, however, the success of the entry process will depend in a very critical way upon the timely provision of high quality, nondiscriminatory interconnection by Bell Atlantic and GTE to prospective retail-stage rivals. While neither Bell Atlantic nor GTE has been particularly forthcoming in its provision of such high quality interconnection services to this point, <sup>20</sup> the merger will further erode any incentives for the postmerger Bell Atlantic to cooperate with new entrants.
- 32. Specifically, entry by CLECs is envisioned to occur across wide geographic areas "without regard to franchise boundaries." If, however, Bell Atlantic engages in actions that delay, deny, or degrade the quality of access to the new entrant prior

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> <u>See, e.g.</u>, Joint Supplemental Reply Affidavit of Richard E. Fish, Jr. and S. Jeanine Guidry on behalf of AT&T, Case 97-C-0271, State of New York Public Service Commission, Oct. 27, 1998.

to the merger, the result is that the reputation of the new entrant is harmed not only in the specific geographic location where the anticompetitive sabotage is undertaken but also in other geographic areas where the new entrant competes or is contemplating entry.<sup>21</sup> That is, if, say, Bell Atlantic engages in an action that harms the reputation of a CLEC in area A, the company-wide reputation of the CLEC is harmed and this will make entry into other geographic locations correspondingly more difficult.

- 33. Moreover, the anticompetitive effects of delaying, denying, or degrading access are not limited to harm inflicted on the rivals' reputation for providing local exchange service. If, as anticipated, consumers are anxious to purchase bundled telecommunications offerings, then damage inflicted on new entrants through the discriminatory provision of local exchange access will spill over to affect the ability of new entrants to profitably provide bundled service offerings.
- 34. Prior to the merger, any such anticompetitive actions undertaken by either Bell Atlantic or GTE are privately beneficial to them. However, prior to the merger, the full (private, but not public) benefit of such sabotage is not internalized, because Bell Atlantic cannot reap the benefits of its own entry deterring tactics that spill over to result in reduced entry into GTE's service territories. Similarly, prior to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> This point is similar to remarks expressed by Sprint in the proposed SBC/Ameritech merger. <u>See</u> Declaration of Michael L. Katz and Steven C. Salop, "Using a Big Footprint to Step on Competition: Exclusionary Behavior and the SBC-Ameritech Merger," October 15, 1998.

the merger, GTE is unable to capture fully the entry-deterring benefits of anticompetitive actions it undertakes in its own service territory that spill over to cause reduced entry into Bell Atlantic's territory. Following the merger, however, Bell Atlantic will be able to more fully capture the benefits of actions it undertakes to delay, deny or degrade access. Such internalization of the profit-enhancing effects of sabotage of CLECs' entry, then, creates post-merger heightened incentives to engage in such exclusionary conduct. Consequently, it is quite likely that following the merger, the combined Bell Atlantic/GTE will take an even more aggressive posture toward the provision of local exchange access services that will have the effect of raising barriers to entry into the local exchange and bundled telecommunications markets.

35. The Impact of the Proposed Merger on Regulatory Oversight. The proposed merger involves firms that, due to their substantial monopoly power, are subject to direct controls by both state and federal regulatory agencies. As a result, it is feasible that adverse competitive consequences will derive from the merger's impact on the ability of regulators to detect and punish exclusionary conduct by the regulated firms. That is, given an enhanced incentive and ability for the merging companies to exercise their monopoly power through both price and non-price strategies, the need for regulatory oversight increases commensurately. If the merger simultaneously reduces regulators' ability to

perform this oversight function, then anticompetitive conduct can be expected to escalate a fortiori.

- 36. Consideration of both the type of regulatory oversight required to promote and protect emerging competition in local exchange markets and the methods used to carry out such oversight strongly suggests that the proposed merger will adversely affect that important regulatory function. Specifically regulators have traditionally (and, with the advent of emerging competition, increasingly) utilized observations on the performance of all regulated firms to establish benchmarks against which to judge the behavior of individual companies under their jurisdiction.<sup>22</sup> Questions involving the technical feasibility of alternative interconnection arrangements and the quality of ILEC-supplied inputs are particularly amenable to such benchmarking. And it is precisely such questions that are fundamental to enforcement of the 1996 Act's provisions and are already emerging as an integral part of its implementation.
- 37. Two adverse effects of the proposed merger related to the use of benchmarking can be identified. First and most obvious, by eliminating the sixth largest ILEC as an independent firm, the merger would reduce the already dwindling set of benchmark companies that regulators can employ to at least partially resolve the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The Declaration of Joseph Farrell and Bridger M. Mitchell, "Benchmarking and the Effects of ILEC Mergers," Oct. 15, 1998, filed on behalf of Sprint in the SBC/Ameritech merger case, provides a rich discussion of benchmarking and its role in regulatory enforcement efforts. The arguments we present here are drawn from that Declaration.

informational asymmetry that confounds regulators' (and competitors') efforts to enforce non-discriminatory provision of essential inputs to the ILECs' nascent competitors. This loss has particular impact on new services and technologies where there are few established standards for judging ILEC conduct. In short, the loss of one more significant benchmark company means that the likelihood that regulators will be able to identify and confidently attack discriminatory treatment of both actual and potential competitors is reduced.

- 38. Second, as the number of benchmark companies falls, the likelihood that any one of the remaining firms will behave in a non-discriminatory fashion (and, thereby, set the benchmark standard) is reduced as well. The fewer the number of firms setting the benchmark, the more likely it is the firms can maintain a uniform standard and protect against "cheating" whereby a member breaks ranks in order to gain a competitive advantage or seek favor with regulators.
- 39. The overall result of both of these effects is to exacerbate the problem, discussed earlier, of the increased incentive and ability for the merged company to engage in such exclusionary conduct. That is, a merged Bell Atlantic/GTE will have a greater incentive and ability to sabotage entrants' attempts to compete; and, simultaneously, regulators will have a reduced ability to detect and prevent such behavior.

- 40. The Impact of the Proposed Merger on Potential Competition. As noted earlier, a traditional view of the relevant geographic market suggests that the acquisition of GTE by Bell Atlantic is not strictly horizontal. Several anticompetitive concerns arise, nonetheless, in this context. To this point, we have discussed such merger-induced concerns that stem from increased monopoly power, heightened levels of exclusionary conduct, elevated barriers to entry, and diminished ability to detect and punish anticompetitive exclusionary behavior. Another important set of problems raised by the proposed merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE stem from the fact that the purchase eliminates the prospect that each company's assets will be used as a competitive force against the other's.
- 41. The competitive damage that results from the demise of GTE (Bell Atlantic) as a prospective entrant into Bell Atlantic's (GTE's) service territory depends on several factors: (1) whether GTE (Bell Atlantic) is a likely entrant into Bell Atlantic (GTE) territories and if so, then one must assess the damage done to the future of competition as a consequence of the elimination of both these companies' assets from the ranks of prospective competitors; (2) whether GTE (Bell Atlantic) is positioned favorably relative to other potential entrants, so that its assets might be brought to bear more quickly or with greater force than other prospective entrants; and (3) whether there is sufficient competitive pressure from within the Bell Atlantic (GTE) geographic market to insure that regardless of the

elimination of GTE (Bell Atlantic), consumers are, nonetheless, assured competitive supply.<sup>23</sup>

42. The factors all unambiguously compel the conclusion that the elimination of Bell Atlantic and GTE as competitors will harm social welfare in both territories. Assessment of the relevant product markets within each company's territory indicates that Bell Atlantic and GTE face precious little competition. Bell Atlantic and GTE each control the vast majority of access lines within their respective service territories and continue to enjoy barriers to entry into these markets. Accordingly, to the extent that the Act's drive to enhance competition in telecommunications markets is to be taken seriously, it must be acknowledged that such competition must, at least initially, come from firms that presently are only "potential competitors." In this context, an analysis of the geographic and product markets presently served by each company strongly suggests that, absent the merger, GTE is a very likely entrant into the service territory presently served by Bell Atlantic. Moreover, in those geographic areas where GTE provides service contiguous with or very near Bell Atlantic (e.g., Pennsylvania and Virginia). Bell Atlantic is favorably positioned to begin to compete for customers presently served by GTE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Also relevant to the public interest is whether, as alleged by the Bell Atlantic and GTE, ownership of GTE's assets by Bell Atlantic somehow enhances the prospect that, despite the elimination of GTE as a competitor for Bell Atlantic's' customers, competition in other ILEC territories will be enhanced by an acceleration of GTE's out-of-region entry. We discuss this issue in Section V.

- Both geographic and product positioning considerations point toward the 43. favorable position of these firms to enter each other's service territory. With respect to the geography, the physical proximity of GTE assets to Bell Atlantic's customer base creates a natural extension opportunity for GTE to compete for Bell Atlantic's customers. For example, as seen in Exhibit 3, GTE and Bell Atlantic have large, contiguous service areas in Virginia that are ripe for crossentry.<sup>24</sup> Indeed. Exhibit 3 reveals that GTE presently serves parts of several northern Virginia counties that are also served by Bell Atlantic and which collectively lie within the lucrative Washington D.C metropolitan area. Likewise, GTE is well-poised to attack Bell Atlantic's territories in the Norfolk-Newport News-Virginia Beach area which has a large concentration of federal defense and research facilities and a metropolitan population of over 1.5 million. The geographic proximity of these companies' facilities makes geographic extension a very viable and perhaps inevitable outcome in the absence of the proposed merger.
- 44. Beyond the physical proximity of the would-be competitors' assets, the fact that both companies have a long tradition of providing virtually the same services also creates the likelihood of cross-entry on a forward-going basis. Specifically, the fact that Bell Atlantic and GTE have the internal company structures to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The physical proximity of these companies' assets creates a number of entry-facilitating characteristics. For instance, by extending its geographic reach, each company may be better able to efficiently design and utilize its network including switching, transportation, and maintenance.

support the provision of local exchange and local exchange access services and considerable experience providing these services enhances each company's knowledge of basic demand and cost conditions in these markets. This experience-based knowledge regarding demand and cost conditions in the provision of local exchange services acts to reduce the uncertainty and risks that new entrants without this expertise face.

- 45. While the physical proximity and the companies' experience with similar product offerings are likely to make cross-entry lucrative as telecommunications markets evolve, cross-entry may be likely for yet another reason. In this situation, it is difficult to imagine that GTE serving, say, a Northern Virginia customer with locations in both GTE and Bell Atlantic's present service territories would not enter the Bell Atlantic territory to offer the multi-location customer the benefits of having GTE as its sole provider of local services (and vice-versa). Similarly, in the face of a demand for a national bundled offering it is difficult to imagine that Bell Atlantic does not represent a viable, favorably positioned, and likely entrant into GTE's service territory.
- 46. The Impact of the Proposed Merger on Concentration. Nor does Bell Atlantic's and GTE's invocation of a national local market render this merger any less anticompetitive. Assuming <u>arguendo</u> that such a market exists, this merger is strictly horizontal and results in an unacceptable increase in concentration.

- 47. In a national market, the relevant measure of concentration is the market for local exchange access under this broader market definition. Using the DOJ/FTC Horizontal Merger Guidelines criteria and publicly available data on individual firms' ownership of access lines (both switched and dedicated), we calculate the relevant Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) and the change in that Index (ΔHHI) brought about by this merger. Specifically, we calculated the HHI both assuming the SBC-Ameritech merger is approved and, alternatively, denied. Assuming the SBC/Ameritech merger is approved, the post-merger Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) is 2710, which is well inside the "highly concentrated" category (which begins with HHI=1800). Alternatively, if we assume that the SBC/Ameritech merger application is denied, the post-merger HHI falls to 2125, which is still well within the highly concentrated category.
- 48. For "highly concentrated" industries, the <u>DOJ/ FTC Horizontal Merger Guidelines</u> indicate that mergers of sufficient magnitude to elicit a change in the HHI of more than 50 points potentially "raise significant competitive concerns." For highly concentrated industries with a merger-induced change in the HHI of more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> We focus on the local exchange access market for two reasons. First, this market is among the least competitive of the four product markets identified above and is an essential input in any bundled products market. And second, the intensity of competition in the exchange access market is likely to influence the pace at which competition grows in the other three product markets. Therefore, the impact of the proposed merger on competition in this market is extremely important to the future growth of competition in this industry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> The data for our analysis are drawn from <u>Statistics of Communications Common Carriers</u>, Federal Communications Commission, 1996/1997 Edition, Table 2.10, "Total Access Lines (Switched and Special)."

than 100 points, it is <u>presumed</u> "to create or enhance market power or facilitate its exercise." The increase in concentration brought about by the proposed Bell Atlantic/GTE merger (ΔHHI) is 479, which is over four times the upper-end threshold value of 100. Thus, regardless of the outcome of the SBC/Ameritech merger proposal, the Bell Atlantic/GTE merger causes an unacceptably large increase in concentration in the local exchange access market.<sup>27</sup> Moreover, because adoption of a broader geographic market definition does not diminish our other concerns regarding the competitive impacts of this merger, this concentration related effect only serves to heighten those concerns.

# V. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS' RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED MERGER

49. In their Application for Commission approval of the proposed transaction, Bell Atlantic and GTE present a number of arguments and some limited evidence to support the claim that the net effect of the proposed merger will be procompetitive. In a nutshell, the basic argument is that, together, these companies can and will launch competitive incursions into other ILECs' markets that, in

The <u>DOJ/FTC Horizontal Merger Guidelines</u> state that the presumption of significant competitive harm resulting from mergers that increase industry concentration to this extent potentially may be rebutted by consideration of other relevant factors, the most important of which is barriers to entry. Clearly, however, the merger being proposed here between the largest ILEC and the sixth largest ILEC cannot be justified on entry barrier grounds. Indeed, the defining characteristic of entry barriers is the ability to maintain price above cost for a significant period of time without sacrificing large market share losses. Here, access charges have been held hundreds of percentage points above cost for many years with cumulative market share losses generally well under five percent. This simple fact alone provides indisputable evidence of substantial barriers to entry into this market. Moreover, anyone with any familiarity with this industry knows that barriers to entry into the local exchange access market are quite substantial. Tremendous sunk costs, network effects that require reliance on the incumbent for, at a minimum, interconnection services, and other factors combine to make this market exceedingly difficult to enter on any substantial scale.

isolation, they either cannot or will not launch. The credibility of this argument, however, is called into question by several errors and inconsistencies contained throughout the Application. While we will not undertake here a detailed rebuttal of every point with which we disagree, we believe it is important to point out several of the more egregious flaws in the analysis presented to support this merger. We focus on three of these.

- 50. First, the core argument -- that this merger is necessary to implement the expanded entry plans of these two firms -- contains several fundamental internal inconsistencies. For example, for some unspecified reason, it is claimed that it is necessary for the largest and the sixth largest ILECs to merge in order for them to be able to enter local exchange markets out of region; but, at the same time, these companies (especially Bell Atlantic) claim to face a substantial threat of entry by numerous, much smaller companies in their own territories. In other words, these firms are arguing that they have to be exceedingly large to enter other ILECs' markets, but even very small companies can successfully enter their markets.
- 51. In addition, the geographic proximity of GTE's facilities to other ILECs' service territories is viewed as crucial to the success of Bell Atlantic's entry into these territories; but, at the same time, GTE's facilities that are adjacent to Bell Atlantic's territory are claimed to confer no entry-promoting advantages

whatsoever. In other words, they are simultaneously arguing that GTE's facilities are crucial to Bell Atlantic entry into other ILECs' territories, but they are not crucial to entry into Bell Atlantic's territory.

- 52. Also, Bell Atlantic and GTE claim that tremendous social welfare gains will be reaped by a combined Bell Atlantic/GTE entering other ILECs' territories (presumably due to the absence of any significant competition -- either actual or potential -- in those markets); but, at the same time, they claim that there are little gains to be had by fostering greater entry into Bell Atlantic's territory. In other words, they are implicitly arguing that the other ILECs continue to possess substantial monopoly power, but Bell Atlantic does not.
- 53. And finally, Bell Atlantic and GTE argue that, if they are allowed to merge, they fully intend to compete vigorously with other ILECs; but, at the same time, they claim that, if they are not allowed to merge, they have no intention of competing with each other. In other words, they are arguing that, if the Commission approves this merger, they will attack all markets, but, if it does not, they will attack no markets.
- 54. Such fundamental inconsistencies cast considerable doubt on the view that this merger is: (1) necessary for out-of-region entry by these ILECs to occur; (2) required for GTE's widespread facilities to be put to pro-competitive uses; and

- (3) likely to yield any social welfare gains. Pro-competitive claims built upon such a shaky foundation cannot support the weight of a proposed merger of this magnitude.
- Second, in an attempt to provide some much-needed empirical support for the argument that the proposed merger is likely to have net pro-competitive impacts, Bell Atlantic and GTE present a declaration by Professor Thomas Hazlett. In that declaration, Professor Hazlett reports the results of an event study that examines stock price reactions to announcement of the merger for four companies which Bell Atlantic and GTE claim are their competitors -- AT&T, MCI WorldCom, Sprint, and SBC. Finding that all four of these companies' stocks declined at the time the proposed merger was announced (July 28, 1998), Professor Hazlett concludes in his Declaration (¶ 6) that:

This serves as strong evidence that rational investors do not believe that the Bell Atlantic merger with GTE will increase prices for telecommunications customers. The reverse interpretation -- that the merger is seen as increasing competitive rivalry -- is the most reasonable conclusion.

56. Under certain circumstances, a properly conducted event study may provide some limited evidence of the likely competitive consequences of a proposed merger. In the instant case, however, the above conclusion is completely unwarranted. In fact, given the market positions of the companies whose stock prices are examined, the above evidence cannot distinguish between a procompetitive and an anticompetitive impact. Indeed, given these market

positions, the evidence appears to be more consistent with the latter. As a result, it cannot be used to support approval of the merger.

- 57. The inability of the observed negative stock price reactions to distinguish the direction of the competitive effects of this merger stems from the fact that the sample firms are not currently direct competitors of either Bell Atlantic or GTE to any significant degree. Rather, three of these companies presently are either potential competitors or present consumers that, under current market conditions must rely upon these ILECs for nondiscriminatory provision of essential inputs (unbundled network elements, wholesale services, interconnection services, etc.) in order to enter and compete in Bell Atlantic's and GTE's territories. Likewise, SBC is a potential competitor that will need access to Bell Atlantic's network to provide competitive local services.
- As explained in Section IV, however, the proposed merger is likely to result in a heightened incentive and ability for Bell Atlantic and GTE to raise the prices of essential inputs and to implement exclusionary tactics that will hamper or, in the extreme, prevent such entry. To the extent the proposed merger facilitates such exclusionary conduct by these firms, the stock prices of customers of the ILECs' intermediate goods and potential entrants should be expected to decline in response to the announcement. Consequently, the stock market reactions observed by Professor Hazlett

are equally, if not more, consistent with the hypothesis that the proposed merger will have significant anticompetitive consequences -- raising input prices to potential entrants and increasing non-price exclusionary conduct which further increases barriers to entry. Therefore, the proffered evidence simply cannot support the conclusion that is drawn from it. If anything, this evidence tends to support the inference of an anticompetitive effect.

59. Third, a fundamental shortcoming in Bell Atlantic's and GTE's arguments for Commission approval of the proposed merger is the failure to provide a convincing affirmative explanation of why the alleged competitive benefits of this transaction cannot be achieved by independent entry of these two firms into other ILECs' and each other's service territories.

That is, why must public policy sacrifice competition between these two companies in order to obtain competition between them and other ILECs?

As the analysis presented in Dr. Levinson's accompanying affidavit demonstrates, each of these companies already possesses more-than-adequate resources to enable them to launch the sort of competitive activities they promise will result from the merger. Clearly, such independent action will have far greater pro-competitive effects than are likely to be realized from the merged entity. Moreover, these effects will be felt not only in the other ILECs' existing service territories but in Bell

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Atlantic's and GTE's regions as well. Thus, the intensity of competition will be greater and it will be realized in more geographic areas if the merger application is denied.

60. It is virtually always more profitable for rivals to merge than compete.

Where such profitability comes at the expense of competition, however, consumers are harmed. While it is certainly understandable why Bell Atlantic and GTE would prefer to join forces rather than attack each other's markets or to attack other ILECs' markets independently, it is, nonetheless, necessary for them to explain why such a union is required for competition to occur. They have failed to do so here.

# VI. CONCLUSION

Our analysis of the competitive consequences of the proposed Bell Atlantic/GTE merger has followed a standard approach. We began with the issue of market definition. We have chosen to analyze the merger's likely effects under both the traditional approach for geographic markets as well as using Bell Atlantic's and GTE's proposed national market definition. Given these two, alternative geographic market definitions, then, we have evaluated the likely economic impact on exclusionary conduct, barriers to entry, potential competition and regulatory oversight.

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- 62. Our evaluation yields the following conclusions:
  - If consummated, the merger can be seen to increase the merged firms' monopoly power by heightening their ability to control price.
  - If consummated, the merger will heighten incentives for exclusionary conduct by the combined firm.
  - If consummated, the merger reduces potential competition substantially in markets characterized by extremely high levels of concentration and entry barriers (<u>i.e.</u>, in precisely those markets where potential competition is most crucial).
  - If consummated, the combination will heighten the need for regulatory enforcement at the same time that policymakers have established a goal of promoting a deregulatory national policy framework. Specifically, the merger will increase the need for and complexity of the companies' implementation of obligations required under the 1996 Act while simultaneously inhibiting the ability of regulators to perform successfully the increasingly necessary oversight functions.

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- Accepting <u>arguendo</u> the notion of a broad, national geographic market as alluded to by the Bell Atlantic and GTE, the merger is also seen to have direct effects on industry concentration which greatly exceed the <u>DOJ/FTC Horizontal Merger Guidelines</u>' threshold levels.
- 63. In sum, the competitive war for local exchange markets has only recently been declared and only a few shots have been fired. Consumers stand to benefit greatly from the competitive battles that are, hopefully, soon to be waged. Lower prices, improved service, and innovative service offerings will emerge as new and existing rivals aggressively fight for the huge revenues at stake. This is not the time for armistices to be signed by the prospective combatants. The peaceful life of the monopolist is simply inconsistent with the policy goal of promoting competition in this industry.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge.
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Testified before the Texas State Legislature (committees in both the House and the Senate) concerning appropriate regulatory policy in the post divestiture long-distance telecommunications industry, March, 1987.

In the Matter of the Petition of AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. for Classification as a Competitive Telecommunications Company, Cause No. U-86-113, Before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, November, 1986.

Performed a complete damage study for the City of Chattanooga in a bid-rigging case in the sewer construction industry. Testified by deposition, July, 1986.

Testified by affidavit in Federal Court in Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of Royal Crown Cola. Temporary restraining order hearing against the Coca- Cola/Dr. Pepper and the Pepsico/7-Up mergers.

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Undergraduate: Principles of Microeconomics, Current Economic Problems, Government and Business, Intermediate Microeconomics, Energy Economics

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